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Divorce records are not as basic in genealogical research as birth, marriage, and death records. However, there may be cases when a divorce record is a key to understanding an ancestor's whole life. Therefore, BLUEGRASS ROOTS is beginning in this issue the publication of Glenn Clift's list of early Kentucky divorces.

When Kentucky became a state, the only way to get a divorce was to secure an act of the legislature granting the divorce. Then, on January 31, 1809, a law was passed giving circuit courts authority to grant divorces on certain grounds. But the Court of Appeals soon held that circuit courts had no jurisdiction except by statute. So, for a period, there were two ways to obtain a divorce.

One way was for both parties to ask for and to obtain a special act of the legislature. The other was for one party to sue under the 1809 statute, qualifying on the grounds listed in the statute. In some cases, the legislature referred the case to circuit court for judicial findings.

When the third Kentucky constitution was written in 1849, the legislature was forbidden to grant divorces. After that, divorces were granted only by circuit courts. That is, until 1972, when divorces were changed to "dissolution of marriage."

Glenn Clift made this list while working for the Kentucky Historical Society in the 1950's. It was compiled from reports of legislative acts and circuit court records. However, it is not 100 percent complete as some records have been lost. If you are looking for a divorce in Kentucky from 1792 to 1849 and can not find it recorded here, it would pay you to look in the circuit court clerk's records in the county in which the couple lived.

In this issue are the divorces with initials A through F. Following names will be published in future issues. (Page references are to acts of the legislature.)

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Adams, Eveline v Harvey Adams	Feb. 3, 1848	1847, p.169
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Barlow, Doshy v James Barlow, cruelty. Dec. 27, 1824 1824, p.63

Barnes, Amelia S. v Nathan Barnes. She was restored to her maiden name, Amelia S. Roper. Feb. 22, 1834 1833, p.638

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This indicates how the divorce list can be useful in genealogy, even though divorces are not usually thought of as one, so, if you have a lost person, you might try the name change possibility. If there was a name change in Kentucky between 1792 and 1849, it might be in the divorce list.

The 1850 constitution outlawed special acts of the legislature, such as divorces and name changes.

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About 15 persons a week have their names changed in Jefferson County probate court. You can see how that could cause considerable trouble to future genealogists.

One story illustrates the legislative name change. A man was named Hogg and thought it was beneath his dignity. But he was such an overbearing, grasping character that those who knew him thought the name Hogg fit him right well.

So, Mr. Hogg applied to the legislature and got an act passed changing his name to the more dignified Hogue. At the next lodge meeting, he pompously directed the lodge secretary to change his name on the lodge records to conform. Whereupon the secretary duly recorded:

Hogg by name,
Hog by nature;
Hogue by act
Of the legislature.

Divorces granted by legislature and courts in Kentucky, 1792-1849

When Kentucky became a state, the only way to get a divorce was to secure an act of the legislature granting the divorce. Then, on January 31, 1809, a law was passed giving circuit courts authority to grant divorces on certain grounds. But the Court of Appeals soon held that circuit courts had no jurisdiction except by statute. So, for a period, there were two ways to obtain a divorce.

One way was for both parties to ask for and to obtain a special act of the legislature. The other was for one party to sue under the 1809 statute, qualifying on the grounds listed in the statute. In some cases, the legislature referred the case to circuit court for judicial findings.

When the third Kentucky constitution was written in 1849, the legislature was forbidden to grant divorces. After that, divorces were granted only by circuit courts. That is, until 1972, when divorces were changed to "dissolution of marriage."

Glenn Clift made this list while working for the Kentucky Historical Society in the 1950's. It was compiled from reports of legislative acts and circuit court records. However, it is not 100 percent complete as some records have been lost. If you are looking for a divorce in Kentucky from 1792 to 1849 and can not find it recorded here, it would pay you to look in the circuit court clerk's records in the county in which the couple lived.

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Divorces granted by legislature and courts in Kentucky, 1792-1849

When Kentucky became a state, the only way to get a divorce was to secure an act of the legislature granting the divorce. Then, on January 31, 1809, a law was passed giving circuit courts authority to grant divorces on certain grounds. But the Court of Appeals soon held that circuit courts had no jurisdiction except by statute. So, for a period, there were two ways to obtain a divorce.

One way was for both parties to ask for and to obtain a special act of the legislature. The other was for one party to sue under the 1809 statute, qualifying on the grounds listed in the statute. In some cases, the legislature referred the case to circuit court for judicial findings.

When the third Kentucky constitution was written in 1849, the legislature was forbidden to grant divorces. After that, divorces were granted only by circuit courts. That is, until 1972, when divorces were changed to "dissolution of marriage."

Glenn Clift made this list while working for the Kentucky Historical Society in the 1950's. It was compiled from reports of legislative acts and circuit court records. However, it is not 100 percent complete as some records have been lost. If you are looking for a divorce in Kentucky from 1792 to 1849 and can not find it recorded here, it would pay you to look in the circuit court clerk's records in the county in which the couple lived.

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